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SUBJ: INDIA/ PAKISTAN/ BANGLADESH: AZIZ AHMED MEETING WITH SYG

SUMMARY: UNUSYG GUYER TOLD AMB PHILLIPS NET RESULT SO FAR OF UN EFFORTS RESOLVE INDIA/ PAK/ BD PROBLEMS WAS ZERO. UN WAS AT END OF ROAD FOR TIME BEING. MOST RECENTLY MINISTER OF STATE AHMED HAD BEEN INFLEXIBLE. HE HAD PROMPTLY REJECTED LATEST UN IDEA OF CAREFULLY WORKED OUT TIMETABLE FOR VARIOUS STEPS WITH RECOGNITION TAKING PLACE MID- WAY IN PHASED PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

1. AMB PHILLIPS AND MISOFF NAAS CALLED ON UNUSYG GUYER MARCH 13 FOR QUICK BRIEFING ON MINISTER OF STATE AZIZ AHMED' S MEETING WITH SYG ON MARCH 9. AT OUTSET GUYER SAID RESULTS OF RECENT UN INITIATIVES -- SYG VISIT TO SUBCONTINENT AND MEETING WITH AHMED -- " WERE ZERO." HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED THAT UN " HAD REACHED END OF ROAD FOR TIME BEING."

2. RECAPITULATING BRIEFLY, GUYER STATED THAT MUJIB HAD SUGGESTED TO SYG EXCHANGE OF BIHARIS FOR BENGALIS IN PAKISTAN. THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH SYG FELT DUTY BOUND TO PASS TO GOP, WAS OF COURSE REJECTED BY PERMREP AKHUND.

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3. GUYER HAD ALSO PROPOSED RECENTLY TO AKHUND ESTABLISHMENT OF TIME- TABLE FOR VARIOUS STEPS WHICH WOULD BE BASED FOR

NEGOTIATING PURPOSES ON ASSURED DATE OF RECOGNITION OF BD BY PAKS, WHICH HE TERMED "X" FACTOR. UPON RECEIVING GOP AGREEMENT TO SPECIFIC DATE, HE WOULD ATTEMPT IN NAME OF SYG TO WORK OUT SERIES OF STEPS, SOME OF WHICH WOULD OCCUR BEFORE RECOGNITION ("X-") AND OTHERS THAT WOULD FOLLOW RECOGNITION ("X PLUS "). EACH STEP, INCLUDING RECOGNITION, WOULD BE LINKED TO AND CONTINGENT UPON OTHER ACTIONS. UN WOULD BE " KEEPER OF THE FAITH" AND WOULD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE ANY VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENT. SUCH PLAN, HE SAID, WOULD PROTECT BHUTTO SINCE HE COULD BLAME UN IF AGGREEMENT FELL APART.

4. GUYER SAID HE WAS THINKING OF EXCHANGES OF CIVILIANS AND SOME POWS TAKING PLACE BEFORE RECOGNITION, BUT REPATRIATION OF BULK OF POWS AND " MORE VALUABLE BENGALIS" (MILITARY AND OFFICER LEVEL CIVIL SERVANTS) WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER RECOGNITION.

5. AZIZ AHMED WAS AWARE OF THIS PROPOSAL AND REJECTED IT DURING MEETING WITH SYG. AHMED HAD COMMENTED THAT IN HIS WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS RECOGNITION ("X") AS FIRST STEP HAD BEEN SUGGESTED AND ASSURED RELEASE OF POWS AND BENGALIS WOULD FOLLOW. HE TOLD US OFFICIALS, HE SAID, THAT HE COULD AGREE IF RECOGNITION FOLLOWED OTHER STEPS. HIS ANSWER WAS SAME FOR GUYER' S THOUGHT; RECOGNITION COULD NOT BE IN MIDDLE OF PROCESS BUT MUST BE FINAL STEP.
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